

AGENDA (REVISED)
CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
TUESDAY, August 28, 2007 at 1:30 PM
Department of Public Health Complex
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut
Conference Room A/B - Building 470

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes from the June 19, 2007 meeting.

II. UPDATES

- A. Chair Updates
- B. Information Update - Department of Public Health
- C. Information Update - Connecticut State Medical Society

III. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

- A. O. Tina Rose, MD – Petition No. 2007-0611-001-108
Presentation of Consent Order – Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
- B. Vladimir Coric, Sr., M.D - Petition No. 2006-0608-001-111
Presentation of Consent Order –David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Memorandum of Decision
Bernard Raxlen, MD - Petition No. 2003-0416-001-089
- B. Assign Hearing Panels
 - i. Deborah Caserta-Brunson, MD - Petition No. 2003-0416-001-089
 - ii. Bernard Raxlen, MD - Petition No. 2003-1216-001-286
 - iii. Mejah Soong, MD – Petition No. 2006-0629-001-120
- C. Federation of State Medical Boards Presentation`

V. 120 Day Extensions

J. Yue, MD

VI. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 19, 2007

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room A/B, Building 470, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman
Richard Bridburg, MD
Anne Doremus
Robert Fuller, MD
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Velandy Manohar, MD
Regina Stankaitis
George Terranova, MD
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Martin Courneen
Michael Erickson

Dr. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the May 15, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Goldenberg, Ms. Stankaitis and Ms. Loving who abstained.

Dr. Fuller arrived at 1:35 p.m.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Public Citizen's Health Research Group report on 2006 physician disciplinary actions.
4. New York Times, June 3, 2007 article - "After Sanctions, Doctors Get Drug Company Pay."
5. Ms. Doremus attended the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Program Committee meeting. License portability is being explored by the FSMB.
6. Dr. O'Neill reported he conducted a pre-hearing conference in two cases this morning.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

None

B. Legislative

Karen Buckley-Bates, Department of Public Health Office of Government Relations provided an update regarding the legislative (regular) session that ended on June 6, 2007.

Bill No 7155 - AN ACT CONCERNING A PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS passed both houses and was signed by the Governor on June 11, 2007.

Public Act –07-119 AN ACT CONCERNING SUPERVISING PHYSICIANS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS was also signed by the Governor on June 11, 2007.

Legislation pertaining to the scope of practice of Podiatrists as it pertains to the ankle has passed both Houses and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

Online license renewal, online vital records and expansion of the physician profile to other professions may be addressed during special session.

Dr. Terranova arrived at 1:45 p.m.

C. Connecticut State Medical Society

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Residency Equivalency – Meyer Proler, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Specialist, Department of Public Health presented information for the Board for review to determine if Dr. Proler's education and training are equivalent to 2 years of ACGME accredited residency training.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terranova, to accept Dr. Proler's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement.

Drs. O'Neill, Wolf and Fuller spoke in opposition to the motion citing a lack of clinical practice by Dr. Proler.

Dr. Hanks and Dr. Terranova voted in favor of accepting Dr. Proler's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement. Dr. Bridburg, Dr. Fuller, Ms. Doremus, Dr. Goldenberg, Ms. Loving, Dr. Manohar, Ms. Stankaitis, Ms. Wernick, Dr. Wolf and Dr. O'Neill voted in opposition to the motion. The motion failed.

B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision – Jeremy August, MD - Petition No. 2004-1018-001-178

Dr. O'Neill, chair of the hearing panel in this matter, provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendation for a period of suspension followed by probation.

The Board also reviewed a written exception filed by the Department of Public Health asking for a modification to the terms of probation.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to include the modification to the terms of probation, paragraph 3 of the Order, as requested by the Department. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manohar to adopt the decision as amended. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill will sign the decision after the modification is made.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. George J. Watstein, MD – Petition No. 2006-1018-001-178

This matter will be postponed until the next Board meeting.

B. Clarisse Ferrara, MD – Petition No. 2006-0626-000-028

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health Legal Office, presented a Cease and Desist Consent Order in the matter of Clarisse Ferrara, MD. Dr. Ferrara was not present or represented.

Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

C. Kevin Gendron – Petition No. 2006-0919-000-028

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Cease and Desist Consent Order in the matter of Kevin Gendron. Mr. Gendron was not present or represented.

Dr. Fuller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

D. Ian Rubins, MD – Petition No. 2007-0522-001-094

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Ian Rubins, MD. Dr. Rubins was not present or represented.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

E. Kevin P. Shea, MD – Petition No. 2006-0726-001-138

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Kevin P. Shea. Neither Dr. Shea nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf, Ms. Wernick and Dr. Fuller who were recused.

Dr. O'Neill signed the Order.

F. Motion for Summary Suspension

Preston Goldsmith, PA – Petition No. 2007-0501-023-005

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Preston Goldsmith, PA. Neither Mr. Goldsmith nor his attorney was present. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, that based on the documents presented, there exists a threat to public health and safety which warrants the Summary Suspension of Mr. Goldsmith's license; therefore, the Department's motion to summarily suspend the physician assistant license of Mr. Goldsmith should be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. O'Neill signed the Summary Suspension Order.

The hearing panel in this matter will be Dr. Terranova, non-Board panelists Joseph Kaplowe, PA and Edward Osswalt, Esq. The hearing is scheduled for July 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. O'Neill moved and Dr. Goldberg seconded to approve 120-day extensions in the following cases: The motion passed unanimously.

B. Raxlen, MD – Hearing completed May 25, 2007. Decision being drafted

E. Squatrito, DO – Third hearing date scheduled for August 17, 2007.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis G. O'Neill, MD, Chairman